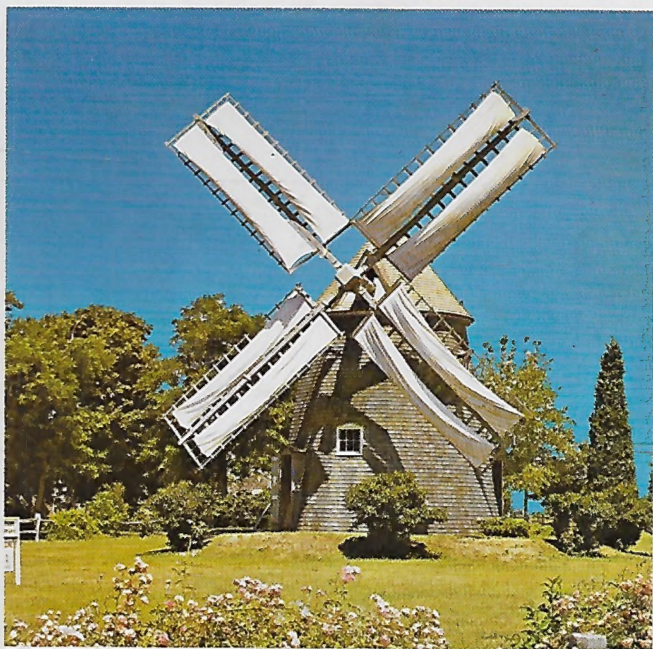


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June 15 to Labor Day

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First and most obvious, of course, are the beautiful beaches; On the ocean at Coast Guard and Nauset Light for those who like surf, cold water or long walks on white sands for a mile in either direction; On the many Bay beaches where the water is warmer, children are safer and where you walk out half way to China at low tide. National Park Service life guards control both ocean beaches and there are rest room facilities at each. The Bay beaches extend from First Encounter to North Sunken Meadow and the first and last named have rest rooms. Those who prefer fresh water or wish to "freshen up" after a dip in the ocean will find excellent spots to swim at Great Pond and Herring Pond. Power boats are allowed at Great Pond but only sailboats at Herring. Swimming classes in all classifications are held at both Ponds. See details on page 29.

Those whose preferences lean towards land-based activities will find plenty to choose from. A fine Bike Trail leads from the Visitors Center to Coast Guard Beach and provides scenic views over the salt marsh to the Ocean.

Just opposite the Visitors Center is the Museum of the Eastham Historical Society which houses an unusual collection of artifacts and items of historical interest. See page 7 for details.

Just beyond the Museum, off Schoolhouse Road on the grounds of the Elementary school, are tennis courts open to all, first come, first served. Here also, during July & August, a summer playground program for children from 8 to 16 is operated under trained supervision. See page 29 for details.

On the Eastham Town Green, opposite the Town Hall, stands the oldest operating Wind Mill on Cape Cod. Open 10 A.M. 'till noon weekdays and 1 to 5 P.M. on Sundays, this tie to the early days of Eastham always attracts crowds of young and old.



Red Maple Swamp, Eastham

Each Sunday A.M. or P.M., according to the tide, those with permits (see Town Hall) can dig for quahaugs (clams to the uninitiated) at Salt Pond. See schedule on page 10.

Visitors who wish to learn more about the ecology and history of the Cape should visit the Cape Cod National Seashore Visitors Center located just off Route 6 on the knoll above Salt Pond. Here are excellent exhibits, orientation movies, a relief map and National Park personnel who will answer your questions or give you folders describing evening lectures at the outdoor amphitheater, guided tours and other information about the activities available in the various parts of the National Seashore.

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Several of the un-guided walks are located within the bounds of Eastham, such as the two walks (one short and one long) that start out from the Visitors Center. Others are located at Red Maple Swamp and Fort Hill. While at the latter be sure to see the famous Captain Penniman House, now restored.

Deep sea fishing boats leave daily from Rock Harbor and when the boats return each night at about dusk the long wharf at the Harbor is swarming with friends and vacationists eager to see the results of the day's haul.

Others may prefer to surf cast along the ocean beaches or fish in the fresh water ponds. (where a license is required)

Just north of Eastham, to the Bayside of Route 6, is the Audubon Society Bird Sanctuary. This is a must for all who love nature and birds.

Regularly scheduled events for Eastham are located on page 29 under CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS. Religious services for most denominations are listed on page 24 under CHURCH SERVICES.

Perhaps there is no better way to end a vacation day at Eastham, nor for me to end this brief appraisal of what to do in Eastham, than to suggest that you jump into the family "buggy" along about dusk and head for one of the many town beaches on the Bay, there to watch a glorious sunset as old Sol slowly sinks below the highlands of the mainland. Or, later, to drive down to Coast Guard or Nauset Light beach and sit and watch the breakers roll in or the lights of the fishing boats blinking off shore. Then home to "hit the sack" and we can almost guarantee a good sound night's sleep.

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The Museum will open Saturday, July 3d, from 2 to 5 P.M. From then on it will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 5 P.M. during July and August. In September the Museum will be open on Saturday P.M. only. Admission is 25¢ except for pre-school children.

New members are welcome to the Society. Dues are \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children and suitable gifts to the Museum may be left there or at the Public Library on Samoset Road. Send applications to Mrs. E. E. Kattwinkel, Sect'y, Box 8, Eastham 02642.

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May	2	1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
	9	7:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
	16	12 noon	4:00 p.m.
	23	6:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
	30	12 noon	4:00 p.m.
June	6	5:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
	13	11:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
	20	5:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
	27	11:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.



July	4	4:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
	11	9:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
	18	4:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
	25	9:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Aug.	1	2:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
	8	8:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
	15	2:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
	22	8:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
	29	1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Sept.	5	7:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
	12	1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
	19	7:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
	26	12 noon	4:00 p.m.

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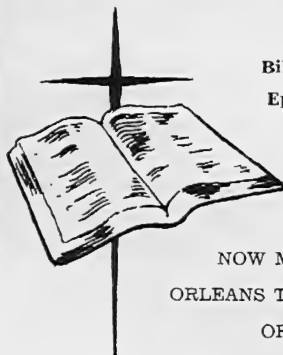
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4. Malicious damage, stealing or destruction will be punished to the full extent of the law.
5. The creation or maintaining of a nuisance in any beach area is prohibited.
6. The use of soaps for lathering or washing in fresh water swimming areas is prohibited.
7. The washing of any vehicle in any Beach area is prohibited.
8. Ball playing on the Beaches or in the water is prohibited.
9. Dogs are not allowed in Beach areas. Horses are not allowed in Beach areas.
10. Whoever operates upon the waters within the boundaries of the Town of Eastham, a boat propelled by an internal combustion engine, recklessly or negligently, so that the lives or safety of the public might be endangered, shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (50.00) dollars.
11. Violators of these Rules may be ejected from the Beach areas and/or be subject to arrest and punished by law by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), or both.

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Date	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
1	6:00	6:06	7:12	8:30
2	6:54	7:00	8:06	9:24
3	7:48	7:54	9:00	10:18
4	8:36	8:48	9:54	11:06
5	9:24	9:36	10:48	11:54
6	10:12	10:24	11:36	12:42
7	11:00	11:12	12:24	1:06
8	11:42	12:00	1:00	1:54
9	12:24	12:48	1:24	2:48
10	1:00	1:00	2:18	3:42
11	1:18	1:48	3:06	4:42
12	2:06	2:36	4:06	5:42
13	2:54	3:30	5:00	6:54
14	3:48	4:24	6:00	8:00
15	4:42	5:18	7:06	9:06
16	5:36	6:18	8:12	9:54
17	6:42	7:24	9:18	10:42
18	7:42	8:24	10:18	11:24
19	8:42	9:30	11:06	11:54
20	9:42	10:30	11:48	12:30
21	10:36	11:18	12:24	1:00
22	11:30	12:06	1:00	1:24
23	12:24	12:54	1:18	2:06
24	1:00	1:00	1:54	2:42
25	1:18	1:42	2:36	3:24
26	2:06	2:24	3:12	4:12
27	2:54	3:06	4:00	5:06
28	3:42	3:48	4:48	6:06
29	4:30	4:36	5:36	7:00
30	5:18	5:24	6:36	8:00
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#### **BAKED STUFFED QUAHAUGS (Save small size quahaug shells)**

The following recipes, one for chowder base and one for Bake Stuffed Quahaugs, may be used to stock a frozen food locker. The chowder base should be made here on the Cape, frozen in small units, then converted into chowder when needed, reminding you of the joys of a summer gone. The Baked Stuffed Quahaugs may be made anytime, providing you save your small quahaug shells.

To convert chowder base to chowder the following formula is suggested:

One pint chowder base, plus one pint diced cooked potatoes, plus one quart light cream, plus one pint clam juice (if necessary to thin out chowder), plus salt and pepper—season to taste. This should provide six to eight liberal servings of chowder with a quahaug flavor.

This recipe for chowder base, though not actually quahaug chowder, will none the less give you a good basic, quahaug flavor. If you can make your Chowder Base here while on the Cape, using the Quahaugs which you yourself scratched up, it will make your chowder that much more palatable in the winter, when Eastham, on Cape Cod, is only a memory.

If you prefer to make your chowder base later on at home port, boil your quahaugs, grind the bodies in a meat grinder, place in pint containers covered with clam broth or juice, and quick freeze.

#### **Chowder base (preparation)**

Scrub your quahaugs thoroughly, tapping one against the other. If they give off a hollow sound when so tapped, rather than a sharp click, nine chances out of ten they are not usable. Discard them. One bad quahaug will spoil an entire batch of base.

Place scrubbed quahaugs in large pot and add enough cold water to cover . . . bring to boil and simmer about five minutes, or until the quahaugs have completely opened. Don't worry about overcooking. Now strain and save the broth. When cool remove bodies and save shells. These shells may be used in the recipe on making baked stuffed quahaugs. Put quahaugs through coarse meat grinder, place in small containers about one half ground quahaugs and an equal amount of broth in which they were cooked . . . and quick freeze. If frozen solidly these will stand a six hour trip home before defrosting, and can be immediately placed in your home freezer, to be used later in making chowder base. If completely defrosted it is not advisable to refreeze, although it may be used to make chowder, if used within two or three days.

#### **Making chowder base**

In order to get a quahaug flavor into your clam chowder, use one part ground quahaugs, with an equal amount of its liquid, to four parts of CHOPPED CLAMS.







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## An Outsider Looks at Eastham

THE writer, Mr. John Hay, makes a good point—he says that the Outer Beach of Cape Cod exhibits the only remaining touch of true wilderness to be found on this ancient peninsula. No matter whether we walk on it, dig in it, or lie on it (he says), the sea will erase all human traces. And the sea-edge wilderness is thus restored, by the moment.

Eastham, however, has been slower to recover. The land had need of a gardener, and for a long time, did not have one.

In 250 years the residents of Eastham committed every ecological and environmental crime known to the history of land use, yet the same criticism must be leveled against every region in America—the descendants of the Pilgrims just happened to be first. It is stupid to blame people, in their desperate attempts to fill their stomachs, for overlooking larger environmental objectives. The Pilgrims' descendants weren't the only Americans who cut down trees and abused the land; it was done everywhere. We seem to recall the heartless stripping of the white pine in Michigan and the notorious Dust Bowl of the 1930's.

Let's paint a much more pleasant picture over this gloomy canvas of blunders past. Visitors do not come to Eastham to cry over a ruined land. If you tell them that **this** is a ruined land, they are likely to shout for more ruins. For common sense in man is restoring the land quite as much as nature's seashore.

In Eastham, there are juniper dotted, pitchpine forests on lands terminating in slight moraines over which one cannot see; the whole view gives an illusion of great distance—at times, I almost think myself in New Mexico. Clear, forest-bordered ponds remind the visitor of lakes seen in the high country of Colorado. Nauset Marsh distinctly reminds one of certain approaches to Assateague Island in Virginia.

If we are reduced to commenting on the weather—and we think we are—Spring does not come early in Eastham. In fact, I've been here eight winters and it hasn't come yet. No matter. So superb are the three Cape seasons Eastham does have that we can discount Spring. Winters (strictly for the tough and hardy) roar in on the tattered coattails of December northeasters; they lash the Great Beach into a series of greenish-purple frenzies, they blow sleet, snow, sand and highway salt all over everybody, and depart with subdued growls in April. Then we know June and Summer are just around the corner.

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With summer arrive a few million "tourists" which the Park Service prefers to call "visitors". The summer mood is naturally one of semi-carnival hilarity, chastened now and then by a cool sea and frequent showers.

Perhaps you'd like to peddle the new bicycle trails, or walk the Seashore hand-in-hand with nature? If you do, Fall is the greatest. The Cape, after Labor Day, relaxes and supports a mood of late summer fruitfulness. And the ponds, marshes, and forests are all set out in colors, too, at once the hope and despair of the painter's brush.

Only the beach inhabitants, somewhat older than the summer crowd, betray their years with warmer clothing; they depart Coast Guard beach early, regretting, perhaps, their age; you see them, looking back over their shoulders. Only an occasional thinker, far away, plods along the sands. Perhaps a surf-caster, refusing to say goodbye to a great fishing season of bass and beer, lounges uneasily by his beach chair. He knows what's coming; he doesn't want to go.

But the sun sets, casting lavenders on the sea, and he goes.

EDISON P. LOHR (Eastham)

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**June 24 to Sept. 2**—Every Thurs. night, 5:30 - 7 P.M., Clam Chowder supper, First Methodist Church, Route 6.

**June 26**—Non-resident taxpayers' meeting, Town Hall. 7:30 P.M.

**July 7**—Craft Show, Church of the Visitation, North Eastham, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**July & Aug.**—Every Tues., 6:30 P.M. at Town Hall, Chowder supper. Sponsored by First Universalist Unitarian Society of Cape Cod.

**July 8**—Fair & Food Sale, starts 10 A.M. Orleans Methodist Church, Main Street, Orleans.

**July 14**—Fair & Food Sale, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Eastham Methodist Church WSCS, Route 6, Eastham.

**July 16**—Nauset Painters Clothesline Show, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. On Windmill Green, opposite Town Hall. Held next day in case of rain.

**July 29**—Book Sale, Historical Society, on grounds of Museum, opposite National Seashore Visitor Center. If rain, held next day.

**August 8**—Clam Bake—Sponsored by Eastham Police & Fire Assns. Rear of Town Hall. 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. Tickets available at Police or Fire Station. In case of rain—Bake will be served in Fire Station.

**August 13**—Nauset Painters Clothesline Show, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. On Windmill Green, opposite Town Hall. Held next day in case of rain.

**August 28**—Non-resident Taxpayers' meeting, Town Hall. 7:30 P.M.

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by PHIL SCHWIND

**I**N November of 1970, a sort of hysteria overcame a large segment of the population of Eastham. That first Sunday may go down in history as the day of the oyster ruckus. Nearly a hundred people armed with licenses, boots, scratchers, buckets and high hopes assembled on the south shore of the Salt Pond by 7:30 in the morning. Someone said, "There's only one person in town who could get half the population up, dressed, and waiting on the shore so soon after sunrise."

He was referring to me, Shellfish Constable. But it wasn't my fault, really, it was the oysters. All I had done was to make available the first oysters the town had raised in something like 12 years, the oysters which were a surplus of those we are experimenting with, trying to raise breeding stock so the town may grow a reasonable supply of oysters in the years to come.

Oysters were found in great abundance on the flats at the time of the first settlement in 1620, "but by 1769 the inhabitants had so increased and oysters were taken in such great quantities" for home consumption and for the Boston, Salem and Portland markets that it became necessary to prevent their entire destruction, for the district to take measures to preserve and propagate them. Permits were issued, the amounts and months of taking were controlled. In spite of these controls in 1770, the Reverend Enoch Pratt says, "all the oysters in the bay died. What caused it is not certainly known, but it is supposed that at this time a large number of blackfish died and came ashore where their carcasses remained producing a very filthy condition which caused this mortality."

Later authorities place the time of the disappearance of the oysters in this area in 1775 and lay the blame on over fishing, particularly of the large breeding stock, and on the taking of shells needed to catch oyster seed or spat to be made into lime for fertilizer for their fields and plaster for their homes.

In 1775 Eastham chose a committee to join with one from Wellfleet to propagate the growth of oysters in the bay. Inhabitants of the town tried the experiment of bringing in adult oysters and laying them down on the flats which succeeded well. Within a year they doubled in size and their quality was much improved. This became big business and by 1844 the number of bushels which were brought in annually was about 60,000.

(Here the oyster business of Wellfleet and Eastham becomes so entangled it is impossible to unconfuse it. Much of the ground used is in Eastham, but most of the men came from Wellfleet.)

In 1876 the first attempt to raise oysters from seed is said to have been made by E. P. Cook. He went to Somerset, Mass. and bought 500 bushels and planted them.

"The people laughed at him for dumping his good money overboard." The oysters all lived and by the next spring showed such a remarkable growth they caused a stampede among those who had laughed. By 1892 some 200 acres in Wellfleet and 800 in Eastham were under cultivation at a fee of \$3 an acre for the original grant and \$1 a year rent thereafter. By 1907 this acreage had doubled.

Previous to 1840 the oyster industry, as today the clam, quahog and scallop industries, were considered common property. But with the obvious decline of the supply and the bringing in of southern oysters for fattening and resale, the oyster industry took on a different look. By 1890 oysters had become a crop dependent on private capital even though planted on leased public land, whereas the harvesting of other shellfish required chiefly labor with little capital other than for equipment.

The regulations regarding grants (as these leased areas are called) were shortsighted in the extreme, as indeed they are today. The laws were short-term and preventative rather than constructive, so that by 1910 no one was willing to gamble on a crop which might be taken away from him in ten years. Since quahogs and scallops grew naturally on ground set aside for oyster culture, many and bitter were the arguments between the quahoggers and the oystermen. In the end, the quahoggers, being in the majority, forced oysters all but off the market.

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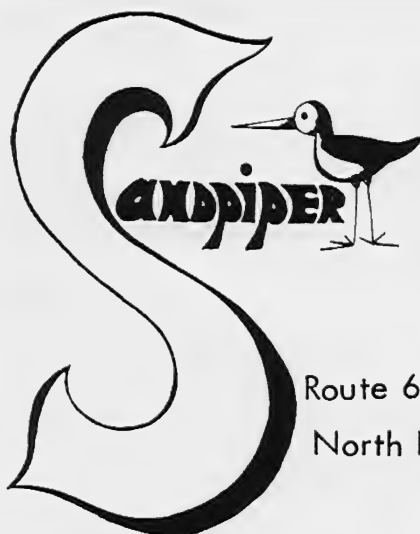
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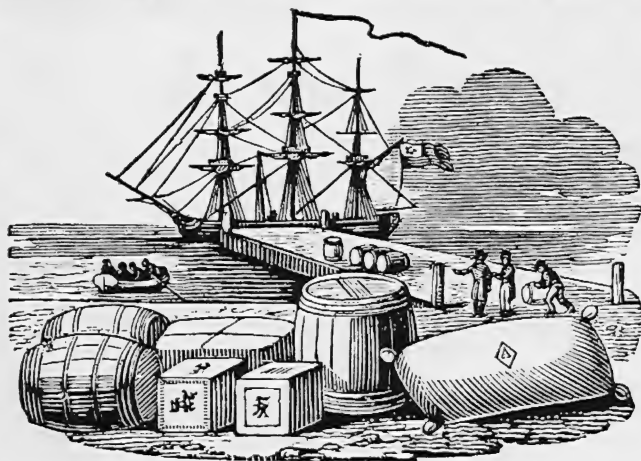


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**1804**—The town chose a large and respectable committee to ascertain the practicability of digging a canal from Town Cove to Boat Meadow River, and thus connect the waters of the ocean with the bay, for the purposes of navigation. The committee was to be joined by another from Orleans, chosen for this purpose, and to petition the General Court for leave to raise the money by lottery. The canal was opened and the water flowed through at high tide, but the project failed.

**1809**—The town raised thirty-one dollars for the support of singing.

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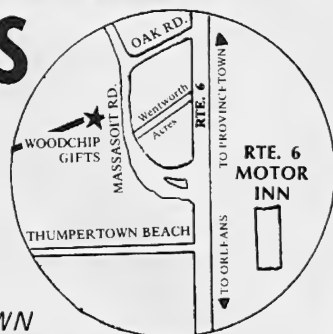
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**1812**—This town was unanimously in favor of PEACE, but passed no votes or resolutions against the war. The consequence of the war of 1812 was, that very soon the fisheries was entirely interrupted. In these the inhabitants were principally employed, and by them a very large portion was supported.

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**1814**—Captain Matthew H. Mayo won renown, when taken prisoner on the British man-of-war Spencer, was responsible for the grounding of the vessel on the flats of Eastham, and the crew being captured. Read the full story in Pratt's 1844 history.

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**1816**—This town has generally been very healthy, and free from epidemical diseases, but this year, in which a most fearful and fatal sickness prevailed, will long be remembered. Between the 18th of January and the 30th of May, 72 persons died, one 11th of the whole population. Its cause could not be determined by the Physicians, except there were extreme changes in the weather.

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**1816**—The town voted to lease the Great pond to Joshua P. Atwood and others, for 50 years, on the condition that a canal be dug out in 10 years so as to bring in salt water.

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**1820**—In 1820, the Methodist Episcopal church was instituted in this town, through the influence of a camp-meeting held in Wellfleet, in August 1819. In 1821, the Methodist meeting-house was built.

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**1828**—The first camp meeting in Eastham was held in 1828. Up to 1836 three more were held. In this year, the ground and grove, containing about 10 acres, was purchased by an association formed for that purpose, and an act of incorporation was obtained from the General Court in 1838. It is called Millennium Grove. It is a most beautiful and attractive spot, and well located and adapted for that purpose. It is near the shore and Bay, where steamboats and other vessels land their passengers. It was thought that as many as 5000 people were on the ground at one time.

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**1826**—Harding Knowles, Esq. fell from his pump-mill, and survived but 3 days. He was a highly respected citizen.

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**1834**—It was voted to divide the town into 6 school districts.

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1837—Congress voted the town its share of surplus revenue in the amount of \$2100.00. With some of the money the town voted to build a bridge over Boat River. In 1838 the Town voted to loan the remainder to individuals in town in amounts not less than \$25.00, and to apply the interest annually to the town schools.

1839—In October this coast was visited by a tremendous storm, which continued for 36 hours. Many lives were lost, and much property in shipping and salt-works was destroyed.

1839—It is now two hundred years since this ancient church (Congregational) was planted. It was the 3rd emigration from the Plymouth church, composed of Pilgrims,—has had 5 ordained ministers, and four meeting-houses. The blessings of heaven often in former years came down upon the place. Now there are but 56 members and they are unable to support an ordained minister to reside with them.

### Education

1678—The Town voted money to continue the school. This is the earliest notice of a school in the town found in the records, and the amount is not stated.

1773—The town set up a grammar school; also raised £26,13s.8d. for teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic.

1797—Two schoolhouses were built, which cost the town \$400.00.

1800—A district school was built.

1803—\$120.00 was raised to support the town school, also 2 schoolhouses were built. There were 5 public schools, and 340 children between the ages of four and sixteen.

1803—The public buildings in the town, are 5 schoolhouses, two meeting houses, and there are two wind-mills for grinding grain.

About 70 thousand feet of salt-works are owned in the Town.

There are 2 vessels owned here that fish on the 'Banks' for codfish, several that fish for mackerel and the Boston market, and one packet.

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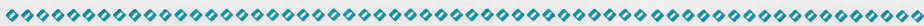
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